



WEST VIRGINIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

Mr. Rob Cornelius
4 Willowbrook Drive
Parkersburg, W.V. 26104

July 10, 2019

Dear Mr. Cornelius,

This letter is in response to your letter dated June 26, 2019.

Article XVI Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Republican State Executive Committee of West Virginia state:

If, in the opinion of the Chairman of the State Executive Committee, time is of the essence in regard to the issue or issues in controversy, the Chairman may, in his discretion, resolve the issue or issues in controversy, on a temporary basis by taking such action as he may deem in the best interests of the Republican Party by filling any vacancy, naming any officer, ***or taking what other action may be provident*** and he shall notify in writing the members of any subordinate committee of his action within ten (10) days thereafter, which ***action shall become final and binding*** upon the County, Senatorial, Judicial Circuit, or Congressional Committees of the Republican Party in West Virginia and their members, ***unless a notice of appeal in writing filed by no less than 50 percent of the members of any such committee is filed with the Secretary of the State Committee within ten (10) days after the date of mailing of the notice***, as herein above provided for, by the said Chairman to the members of such committee. Such notice of appeal to the Secretary shall be sent by certified or registered mail. Any such action taken by the Chairman in accordance with the terms of this section shall be in full force and effect from the date of his action until any appeal therefrom is adjudicated in accordance with the provisions of section three hereof.”


Your letter was not signed by 50 percent of the members of the Wood County Republican Executive Committee and did not request or respect the appropriate process described and dictated by Article XVI of the Bylaws of the West Virginia Republican Party. As such, the appeal that you requested in your letter dated June 26, 2019 is not in order.

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Furthermore, since the original letter from my office was dated June 17, 2019 and no properly filed letter signed by 50 percent of the Members of the Wood County Republican Executive Committee, those actions taken by me in my capacity as the State Chairman of the West Virginia Republican Executive Committee are final and binding, and no relief can be sought or granted under the Bylaws of the Republican State Executive Committee of West Virginia.

In addition to your "appeal" being procedurally deficient by the lack of fifty percent support, your removal is and was what is best for the West Virginia Republican Party and the Wood County Republican Party. Your local committee voted by majority vote to investigate your actions and sought to call an emergency meeting for your removal as chair, but such request was denied because they were told that only the chair could call a meeting of this sort. Based on all of these actions, your removal was necessary and done in the best interests of the Republican Party.

Sincerely,



Melody Potter
Chairman
West Virginia Republican Party



Linda Hartling
Secretary
West Virginia Republican Party

CC: Andrew Dornbos, Legal Counsel, West Virginia Republican Party
Mac Warner, West Virginia Secretary of State

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